'Port and Dock Workers' strike.

* 25-A (*Short Notice Question*).—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state whether it is a fact that during the Port and Dock Workers' strike the Government provided assistance in the form of labour to prevent a breakdown of work in the Madras Harbour?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister): The Govenment regret that they have to decline to answer the question in the public interest.

National Flag of India

* 26 Q.—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any rules for the display of the National Flag of India on important Government buildings on days of National importance, such as Independence Day and Republic Day; and

(*b*) if so, what they are?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister): (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) The Government of India have not issued any special rules for the flying of National Flags on important Government buildings on days of National importance such as Independence Day, Republic Day, etc. The Government of India have permitted the unrestricted display of National Flags on private buildings on these special occasions in consonance with the National sentiment prevailing on such occasions and this permission will cover the cases of other Government buildings over which the National Flag is not flown daily.

VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: தமிழ்நாட்டின் தலைநகரம் சென்னை. சென்னை நகரில் கோட்டை அரசாங்கத்தின் தலைமைக் காரியாலயம். கோட்டைக் கொடி மரத்தில் எப்ரல், மே, ஜூன் மாதங்களில் நான்கைந்து நாட்கள் கொடி பறக்கவில்லை என்கிற விஷயம் கனம் அமைச்சருக்குத் தெரியுமா? அதைப்பற்றி என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப் பட்டது?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: அந்தத் தகவல் எனக்குத் தெரியாது. எந்தத் தேதியில் பறக்கவில்லை என்று குறிப்பிட்டு எழுதினால், அதைப்பற்றி நான் விசாரிக்கிறேன்.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN: Formerly it was the practice for Ministers, the Speaker of the Assembly, and the Chairman of the Council to have the National Flag flying on their cars. If that practice has now been given up, may I know the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN: It is not felt necessary to fly the National Flag on the cars of Ministers or other dignitaries. If my hon. Friend studies the practice in western countries, he will know that it is only the Heads of States that use National Flags.